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DIXON MAN INDICTED FOR CHILD PORN

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that a Dixon, Mo., man was indicted by a federal grand jury for possessing child pornography.

Robert Michael Ward, 33, of Dixon, Mo., was charged in a two-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury on May 4, 2005, in Springfield, Mo.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Ward** possessed two computer hard drives, compact disks and floppy disks that contained child pornography on Nov. 6, 2003, in Pulaski County, Mo.

Count Two of the federal indictment is a forfeiture count and would require **Ward** to forfeit to the government a Compaq Presario computer containing a Western Digital hard drive, a Hewlett Packard Bell computer containing a Seagate Medalist hard drive, compact disks containing child pornography and floppy disks containing child pornography.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in this indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rose A. Barber. It was investigated by the Dixon, Mo., Police Department, the Missouri State Technical Assistance Team and the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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